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Remarks

Claims 1-61 are pending in the application.

The Patent Office has required Applicants to restrict this application to one of the following groups, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121.

- I. Claims 1, 8-11, 13, 15-23, 25-26, and 28-29, drawn to a process for hydroforming a tube of ductile solid material,
classified in class 72, subclass 42.
- II. Claim 30, drawn to a liquid film lubricant,
classified in class 508, subclass 491.
- III. Claims 38, 42, 45, 48-49, 51-53, and 56, drawn to a solid film lubricant,
classified in class 508, subclass 451.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, claim 30 directed to a liquid lubricant, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

Claims 1, 8-11, 13, 15-23, 25-26, 28-29, 38, 42, 45, 48-49, 51-53, and 56 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. New claims 62 – 77 directed to various aspects of the liquid lubricant have been added. Support for the new claims is found in the original claims and in the specification at pages 4-5. After entry of this amendment, claims 30 and 62-77 are pending.

Applicants request reconsideration in view of the remarks contained herein. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned.

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